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SUBJ: VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF AMBASSADOR JOLLES

1. AMBASSADOR PAUL JOLLES, DIRECTOR, SWISS DIVISION OF COMMERCE (SENIOR GOS OFFICIAL CONCERNED INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS), WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON EVENING JANUARY 14 AND RETURN BERN EITHER EVENING JANUARY 21 OR 22. PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO REPRESENT SWITZERLAND IN ITS OBSERVER CAPACITY AT JANUARY 17 MEETING OF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. SWISS EMBASSY WASHINGTON ARRANGING OTHER APPOINTMENTS WITH USG OFFICIALS. IN JANUARY 6 CONVERSATION WITH E/C COUNSELOR, JOLLES INDICATED FOLLOWING TOPICS OF MAJOR INTEREST WHICH HE PLANS PURSUE WHILE IN WASHINGTON.

2. JOLLES PLANS MEET PRIOR THEIR RETURN SWITZERLAND WITH SWISS NATIONAL BANK REPS (PRESIDENT LEUTWILER AND VICE-PRESIDENT HAY) RE GROUP OF 10 AND INTERIM COMMITTED DISCUSSION OF VARIOUS PROPOSALS FOR NEW DEFICIT FINANCING

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SCHEMES.

3. WITH USG OFFICIALS JOLLES INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING:

A. MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IN LIGHT OF TRADE ACT OF 1974. JOLLES SAID HE INTERESTED IN USG VIEWS RE HOW TO ADJUST MTN OBJECTIVES GIVEN NEW SITUATION.

B. AS CHAIRMAN OECD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SPECIAL SESSION (XCSS), JOLLES NOTED THAT NEXT SESSION IN MARCH WILL BE CONCERNED WITH CONSOLIDATING OECD TRADE PLEDGE OF LAST SPRING. HE WOULD WELCOME USG VIEWS RE APPROPRIATE SUPPORTING MEASURES (E.G. FOR FINANCING DEFICITS) AND HOW BEST TO PREPARE FOR MARCH MEETING, INCLUDING POSSIBLE PRELIMINARY INTER-GOVERNMENTAL CONTACTS.

C. JOLLES WOULD WELCOME USG IDEAS RE FURTHER WORK FOR INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY (IEA), PARTICULARLY PREPARATIONS FOR POSSIBLE MARCH PREPARATORY MEETING, PRIORITY ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION WITH PRODUCERS AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND HOW BEST ACHIEVE CONSUMER COUNTRY SOLIDARITY.

D. MAJOR BILATERAL PROBLEMS. JOLLES SAID DEPENDING ON CURRENT STATUS HE MIGHT WANT TO RAISE SUCH ISSUES AS CHEESE COUNTERVAILING INVESTIGATION, FTC NESTLE/STOUFFER CASE, AND ANTI-DUMPING CASE INVOLVING BROWN-BOVERI TRANSFORMERS.

E. U.S. ECONOMIC SITUATION, PROSPECTS, AND POLICIES, PARTICULARLY THEIR EFFECT ON EUROPE.
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